THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE I hereby certify that this document along with any documents referred to as being attached, is being ATION OF: Kent E. Regnier deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant **SERIAL NO.:** 09/482,135 Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. FILED: January 12, 2000 FOR: CONNECTOR HAVING SUPPORTIVE BARRIER COMPONENT **EXAMINER:** M. Carroll **ART UNIT: 2839 ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:** 99-247 US **Assistant Commissioner of Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Sir: PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a)) This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month(s) to 1. May 22, 2001. 2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith. <u>X</u> has been filed. the response is the filing of a continuation application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application. 3. Applicant is a small entity - verified statement: attached.

already filed.

other than a small entity.

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<i>,</i> 4.	Calculation	of extension	fee (37	CFR :	1.17(a)-(d)):

Total Months requested	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
X 1 month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
2 months	\$ 390.00	\$195.00
3 months	\$ 890.00	\$445.00
4 months	\$1,890.00	\$945.00

Fee \$110.00

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An extension for \_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension is now requested.

## Extension fee due with this request

Fee \$110.00

## 5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any) the extended period for response will expire on May 22, 2001.

6. Fee Payment

\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_

- Charge Account 50-1873 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Account No. 50-1873 the sum of \$110.00 and this is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. A triplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: May 22, 2001

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